

Diggers Can't Find Body of Missing Girl, 7

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SANTA BARBARA — Workmen digging with picks and shovels Wednesday failed to turn up any trace of missing 7-year-old Ramona Irene Price near the spot where she was last seen alive Sept. 2.

The excavation project, in the dry Arroyo Burro creek bed just off Modoc Rd. and about 100 yd. east of the Highway 101 overpass, was spurred by the discovery of two shovels in the trunk of a car owned by two men questioned in the case.

The men, brothers Raymond, 55, and William Panno, 44, have admitted talking to a girl matching Ramona's description at about the time the girl disappeared. They said they were in their car parked off Modoc Rd. when the girl walked by.

Sex Offenders

Under investigation since their arrest for failing to register as sex offenders, the brothers were taken to the scene of the encounter Wednesday. Police posed them in their car while six persons who reported seeing two men there Sept. 2 attempted to establish if the Pannos were the ones they saw.

Meanwhile, contributions to a reward fund for information leading to Ramona's whereabouts have mounted to \$2,329. The money will be returned to donors if it is not claimed by Dec. 7, authorities said.